

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated April 2, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Invention II, claims 8, 19, 34, 49, 51, 56, 63-69 and 83-118, with traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. It is noted that both Inventions I and II relate to the moulding of food products from a mass of foodstuff starting materials. The method step of filling a mass of foodstuff starting materials into a cavity is technically similar to the presence of a mass feed member for feeding this mass of foodstuff starting materials into a mould cavity. The inventive concept in both Inventions I and II is related to the structure of the mould cavity and the way products are released from the mould cavity by means for removing the adhesion between the product and the boundary of the mould. As a result, the Examiner should examine the claims in their entirety.

This application should now be in order for consideration on the merits of the claims in the elected group as Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action by making the required election.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Response or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000023.00122). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition

does not accompany this Response or is insufficient to render this Response timely, the Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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